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SAC, New York

January 9, 1953

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RAY PALMER, EDITOR
"OTHER WORLDS"

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INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Attached for your information are two copies of a letter forwarded to the Bureau by Mr. Walter Winchell, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

Bureau files reflect no identifiable information relating to Ray Palmer of the publication "Other Worlds."

Although the location of Palmer and the publication of which he is the editor is not reflected in the incoming communication, this data is being forwarded in the event either Ray Palmer or the publication "Other Worlds" comes to the attention of your office.

You should search the files of your office for any pertinent data concerning Ray Palmer or the publication "Other Worlds" and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions regarding the handling of security investigations.

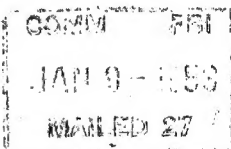
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NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY:

Records maintained by Publication Desk and Bureau Library fail to reflect any information concerning Ray Palmer or the publication "Other Worlds."

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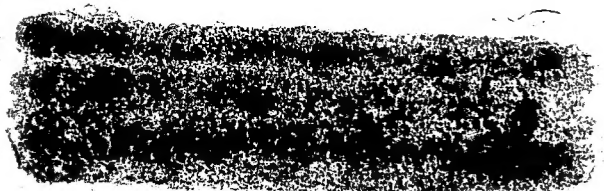
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 24, 1952

From Walter Winchell.

Attachment
arm

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Laughlin
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
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- Miss Holmes
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Dec 15, 1952
1900 N. 13th
Waco, Tex

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Dear Walter Winchel,

Knowing your anti-Communism, I'd like to call your attention to
~~Amazing Stories~~, Jan. 1953. If the two stories, ~~Frontiers Beyond the~~
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Commie propaganda I ever saw, I'm totally blind. u

For some time the magazine has been losing quality in its fiction.
Apparently it is being sacrificed to the "red" message.

If you agree on this kick hell outa them. u

/s/ Frank James
Veteran

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and the contents were as follows:

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"For some time the magazine has been losing quality in its fiction. Apparently it is being sacrificed to the 'red' message.

"If you agree on this kick hell outa them."

The letter was signed "FRANK JAMES, Veteran" and contained the following postscript:

"P.S. Ray Palmer, Editor of 'Other Worlds' has been putting out some 'peace at any price editorials' that taste phony. F. J. "

Investigation at the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42 Street, New York, New York, revealed in a book entitled The Writers Market, 13th Edition, 1951, published by Writers' Digest, Cincinnati, Ohio, that the offices of the publication "Other Worlds" are located at 1144 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. RAYMOND A. PALMER was identified as the Editor of "Other Worlds." The information in The Writers Market reflected that the publication "Other Worlds" is issued bi-monthly and costs 35 cents a copy. "Other Worlds", according to the data in The Writers Market, utilizes science-fiction stories ranging from 2,000 to 30,000 words and also uses factual short stories and "fillers". The publication "Other Worlds" contains no photographs or poetry, but pays 1 cent a word and up on the acceptance of any material for publication.

A review of the March, 1953 edition of "Other Worlds" reflected that the publication was published by the Clark Publishing Company, 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois. The edition of "Other Worlds" indicated that the publication was distributed by the American News Company, Incorporated, New York, New York, and

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the staff of the publication was identified as follows:

Editors

RAY PALMER

BEA MAHAFFEY

Art Director

MALCOLM H. SMITH

ILL.

The March, 1953 edition of "Other Worlds" contained an editorial written by RAY PALMER, signed by his initials, "RAP". The editorial was an explanation of how the editors of "Other Worlds" work; how they get their material, their ideas; and how they sometimes make mistakes. PALMER stated that his theme of the editorial was that "BEA MAHAFFEY and I are going to take you on a confidential revelation of the 'inside' of "Other Worlds." There was no mention made of "peace at any price" or the Soviet Union or Communism.

The edition also contained seven short stories of the science-fiction theme. One of the stories, entitled "Diagnosis", 4,000 words in length, was written by RAY PALMER. The story made no allusions to a "peace at any price" theme, and it was evidently written as a science-fiction adventure with a purely fictional background of incidents and characters.

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INFORMANTS

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Mr. WALTER WINCHELL, who forwarded letter received from "FRANK JAMES, Veteran" to Bureau, and whose identity is kept confidential in view of his responsible position.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bureau letter to New York Office, January 9, 1953, forwarded two copies of the letter made available to the Bureau by Mr. WALTER WINCHELL, and directed that although the location of PALMER and the publication of which he is editor is not reflected in the letter forwarded to the Bureau by WINCHELL, the data was being forwarded to the New York Office in the event either RAY PALMER or the publication "Other Worlds" came to the attention of the New York Office.

The Bureau letter advised that no identifiable information relating to RAY PALMER or the publication "Other Worlds" was contained in Bureau files.

The Bureau letter also requested that the New York Office search the office files for any pertinent data concerning RAY PALMER or the publication "Other Worlds" and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions regarding the handling of security investigations.

A search of the files of the New York Office failed to reflect any data identifiable with RAYMOND A. PALMER, RAY PALMER, or RAYMOND PALMER. No data was located that was identifiable with the publication "Other Worlds".

LEADS

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will conduct search of office indices on RAYMOND A. PALMER and the publication "Other Worlds", 1144 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, for any pertinent data concerning them contained in the office files.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (Cont'd.)

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CHICAGO (Cont'd.)

Will conduct search of office indices on BEA MAHAFFEY and MALCOLM H. SMITH, identified as members of staff of publication "Other Worlds."

SAN ANTONIO

At San Antonio, Texas

One copy of this preport is being furnished the San Antonio Office inasmuch as the letter made available to the Bureau by the informant evidently was written by FRANK JAMES, 1900 North 13 Street, Waco, Texas.

REFERENCE

100 - 0 - 28467
Bureau letter to New York, dated January 9, 1953.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 4/22/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/25; 4/6/53	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT JAY McMICHAEL DE
TITLE RAY PALMER, EDITOR "OTHER WORLDS"			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Evanston Police Department and Evanston Credit Bureau reflects nothing derogatory concerning "Other Worlds," RAYMOND A. PALMER, or Clark Publishing Company. First National Bank of Evanston records revealed officers of Clark Publishing Company as CURTIS FULLER, President; MARJORIE PALMER, Vice-President; MARY MARGARET FULLER, Secretary; and RAYMOND A. PALMER, Treasurer, and publications as Fate, Other Worlds, Venture Books, Venture Press, Harland Wilson.

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DETAILS:

AT EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

Investigation at 1144 Ashland Avenue, disclosed that the premises are presently being utilized as warehouse for the Alan-Robertson Company, 2735 Central Street, Evanston. There was no indication that "Other Worlds" was at the present time being published at this address.

The records of the Evanston Police Department were checked on April 6, 1953, and revealed no information on RAY PALMER or "Other Worlds."

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The files of the Evanston Credit Bureau which were reviewed on April 6, 1953, contained a clipping dated November 7, 1946, from an unknown newspaper captioned "Named Editor." This clipping reflected that RAYMOND A. PALMER, 2514 Grant Street, Evanston, has ILL. been promoted to editor of the Ziff-Davis fiction division, according to an announcement this week by B. G. DAVIS, President of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, in Chicago.

Mr. PALMER lived in Evanston with his wife and two daughters for the past four years. He joined the staff of Ziff-Davis in 1938 after becoming known in the publishing world as a free-lance writer. His first duties were as managing editor of "Amazing Stories."

In 1939 Mr. PALMER became managing editor of "Fantastic Adventures" in addition to his original assignment. In his present position he will serve as editor of "Mammoth Adventure," "Mammoth Detective," "Mammoth Western" and "Mammoth Mystery" as well as the other two.

On April 6, 1953, Mr. JOHN R. KIMBARK, Vice-President of the First National Bank and Trust Company, Sherman and Davis Streets, Evanston, made available from his bank records the following information relative to the Clark Publishing Company, 806 Dempster Street.

The former address of the Clark Publishing Company was listed as 1146 Ashland. On a Corporate Resolution form dated January 13, 1953, officers of the Corporation were listed as:

CURTIS FULLER - President
MARJORIE PALMER - Vice President
MARY MARGARET FULLER - Secretary
RAYMOND A. PALMER - Treasurer

RAYMOND A. PALMER's current address was noted as RT #2, Box 36, Amherst, Wisconsin.

The bank records further reflected the following publications which are published by the Clark Company:

Fate.
Other Worlds
Venture Books
Venture Press
Harland Wilson

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On April 8, 1952, the Chicago Office of the FBI received a letter dated April 7, 1952, from CURTIS FULLER, President of the Clark Publishing Company, 1144 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, who advised that he had received correspondence from one PAUL TRENT. TRENT proposed that FULLER Publish an article which FULLER stated was apologetic toward and held praise for the Nazis.

FULLER further stated in this letter, that "Fate" magazine publishes unusual stories, including stories of psychic-phenomena and para-psychology. It has a circulation of approximately 65,000. "Fate" is published by the Clark Publishing Company, which is incorporated under the laws of Illinois, has second-class entry, and is distributed by the American News Company.

In a letter dated February 22, 1952, addressed to Mr. PAUL TRENT, 1132 South Lake Street, Los Angeles, California, FULLER stated that the Clark Publishing Company, is not interested in publishing any material or article apologizing for or praising the Nazis.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

A check of the Chicago indices reflected no derogatory information concerning RAYMOND A. PALMER, MALCOLM H. SMITH, BEA MAHAFFEY or "Other Worlds." There was no derogatory information regarding CURTIS FULLER or MARY MARGARET FULLER, officers of the Clark Publishing Company.

A report of SA J. E. KELLER dated March 3, 1942, at Chicago, titled RAYMOND PALMER, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, is not identical with RAYMOND A. PALMER.

88-09 35 Ave.
Jackson Hts.L.I.
June 30th '54

Mr. E. Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

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In the August 1954 issue of "Mystic" magazine there was a very fantastic story by Paul M. ~~X~~West entitled "Venusians Walk Our Streets!" published as a "true" story. The author claims that the F.B.I. has a "heavy plate of the hardest alloyed steel" which a man from space marked with a half inch deep streak by simply, and without effort, passing his fingernail over it. A report from a "foremost laboratory" in Los Angeles states that the gouged mark in the steel plate would require pressure of over 1700 pounds to produce, and that analysis revealed the presence of over a dozen elements not present in the rest of the metal."

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All I want to know, is did the F.B.I. receive such a plate? (And of course anything else that can be revealed at this time.)

Sincerely,

M.G. Piattelli

M.G. Piattelli

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Mr. M. G. Piattelli
88-09 35th Avenue
Jackson Heights
Flushing, New York

(R5)

Dear Mr. Piattelli:

Your letter of June 30, 1954, has been received, and the thought prompting your writing me is appreciated.

For your information, the FBI has never received a steel plate such as the one to which you make reference.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

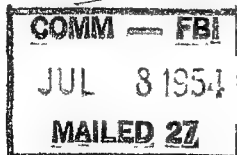
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2 CC's - Chicago, with two copies of the incoming and two copies of article appearing in the August, 1954, issue of "Mystic Magazine."

ATTENTION SAC: Your office is being furnished Photostats of the article mentioned by correspondent which appeared in the August, 1954, issue of "Mystic Magazine." This magazine is published by Palmer Publications, Incorporated, 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois, and its editor is Ray Palmer. It is to be noted that the story in question states that information regarding persons from Venus and reports of the steel plate in question have been made available to the FBI; however, the persons who supposedly submitted such information to the Bureau are either not named or are described by the use of fictitious names. On the basis of information furnished, no record is located in Bufiles that such information has ever been made available to the Bureau. (continued on next page)

NOTE: (see next page) 8-2-54 Killed per Milwaukee memo 7-22-54
Follow-up made for July 21, 1954.

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Mr. M. G. Piattelli

July 8, 1954

ATTENTION SAC:(continued)

You are instructed to have an Agent contact Editor Palmer in the very near future and advise him that we have no record of information such as he described being submitted to the Bureau and that we do not appreciate having the name of the Bureau used in fantastic stories appearing in his publication to add credence to his stories and articles. Advise the Bureau of results of your contact under caption "Ray Palmer, Palmer Publications, Incorporated, 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois, RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)" no later than July 19, 1954.

NOTE: The article "Venusians Walk Our Streets!" is a fantastic tale of certain characters who appear to be human beings and who have been personally known by the article's author Paul M. Vest, but who, it is advanced are men from the planet Venus. A newspaper reporter, referred fictitiously to by author Vest as "Max Morton of the Los Angeles World," stated to Vest that he (Morton) had known a Venusian personally and that this being had run his thumb across a steel plate with no effort whatsoever gouging a streak over half an inch deep. The article then went on to state that "Morton" said a full report was given to the FBI, along with a laboratory analysis of the piece of gouged steel. It will be noted that current correspondence states that the steel plate was forwarded to the Bureau, whereas the article merely states that the report relative to the plate was submitted to us. Laboratory personnel cannot recall having received in the past any related data, per telephone call.

Cel Bufile 121-4-216417 is a loyalty form submitted in 1948 by the United States Department of Commerce relative to one Paul Maurice ~~Vest~~ who was associated with the Department of Commerce in Los Angeles between the years 1938 and 1947. No other reference appears in Bufiles which might be identical with Vest. "Mystic Magazine" is not identifiable in Bufiles.

SAC, Milwaukee

July 14, 1954

SAC, Chicago (94-559)

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RAY PALMER
Palmer Publications, Inc.
Route One, Amherst, Wisconsin
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Rebulet to Mr. M. G. PIATTELLI, 88-09 35th Avenue,
Jackson Heights, Flushing, New York, dated July 8, 1954, copy of
which was sent to the Chicago Office.

Attached herewith for the attention of the Milwaukee
Office is a copy of a letter referred to above, a copy of a letter
from M. G. PIATTELLI to the Director, and a photostatic copy of the
article "Venusians Walk Our Street" by PAUL M. WEST.

Instructions concerning the handling of this matter
are set forth in referenced letter.

Mrs. LEE GILMOUR, Circulation Department, Clark Publishing
Company, 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois, advised that RAY
PALMER moved his office space from this location a little short
of a year ago; however, still retaining an interest in this firm.
Mrs. GILMOUR advised that RAYMOND PALMER with his business, the Palmer
Publications, Inco., had moved to Route 2, Amherst, Wisconsin, which
he advised is his home and utilized as his place of business. Mrs.
GILMOUR also stated that the publication "Mystic Magazine" is owned
solely and published by RAYMOND PALMER from his residence at Amherst,
Wisconsin.

Milwaukee is requested to make this contact pursuant
to the instructions contained in referenced letter and to furnish
the results of such contact to the Bureau no later than July 19,
1954, as is also instructed by the Bureau.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Bureau
for information in view of the change in caption as previously set
forth by the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 22, 1954

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (94-290)

SUBJECT: RAY PALMER
Palmer Publications, Inc.
 806 Demster Street,
 Evanston, Illinois
 RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Rebulet to Mr. M. G. PIATTELLI, 88-09 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Flushing, New York, dated July 8, 1954.

RAYMOND PALMER, Route #2, Amherst, Wisconsin, owner and editor of "Mystic Magazine," was contacted on July 19, 1954 relative to the article appearing in the August 1954 issue of "Mystic Magazine" entitled "Venturians Walk Our Streets." He stated that this article was written by PAUL M. VEST, 709 17th Street, Santa Monica, California, noting that Mr. VEST is a writer for various magazines. Mr. PALMER stated that a reference to the FBI in the above mentioned article was not "caught" by him at the time he edited this article. Mr. PALMER was advised that no such report ever reached the FBI. Mr. PALMER apologized for having included this reference to the FBI in VEST's article and voluntarily stated that in the next issue of "Mystic Magazine" he would inform his readers that the FBI never received any such report as mentioned in the above article. Mr. PALMER stated that he desired to "keep the records straight" inasmuch as subscribers to "Mystic Magazine" may contact the Bureau to ascertain the veracity of VEST's article. Mr. PALMER indicated that he was very skeptical of VEST's article.

During the course of the interview, Mr. PALMER advised that he receives approximately 50 letters per week concerning flying saucers and pointed out that he takes those letters which appear to be the most feasible and furnishes the information to the Central Intelligence Agency in Chicago, Illinois, noting that he has been advised that they are interested in flying saucer reports. He also mentioned that he occasionally furnishes information relative to flying saucers to FRANK EDWARDS, nation-wide news commentator.

Mr. PALMER stated that the next issue of "Mystic Magazine" will be published in about October and stated that in the event there was any objection to his plan to refute VEST's claim that the FBI received

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a full report concerning people from Venus walking our streets, he would be glad to insert an article agreeable to the Bureau. PALMER was advised in this connection that the Bureau had no recommendation to make in this respect and that whether or not he desired to refute part of VEST's article was solely up to him.

Vee Perlman

131 East Thirty-fourth Street, New York 100

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
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September 29, 1954

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed carbon of a letter from me to Mr. Ray Palmer, editor and publisher of MYSTIC MAGAZINE, is self-explanatory. I was about to mail the original to Mr. Palmer when it occurred to me that it might be better to withhold same until I learned from you whether I would be spoiling anything by thus putting him on notice, or whether it is advisable to go ahead.

Therefore, will you kindly let me know as early as it is feasible whether I should withhold this letter from him indefinitely, or whether as far as the FBI and the ends of pro-Americanism are concerned, I should mail it to him. It happens that I am a member of AWARE, a fairly new organization begun in New York City, for combating Communism in the entertainment fields. I had thought to acquaint it with the situation in regard to Mr. Palmer, but shall also refrain from doing this until I hear from you.

MYSTIC was shown me by some friends. Published bi-monthly, the August, 1954 edition referred to is the fifth. However, Mr. Palmer, as revealed by paragraph two of the editorial discussed, is also publisher of FATE, a much older monthly periodical, now in its seventh year, ninth issue. Both are issue from 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Ill., FATE by the "Clark Publishing Co."

Awaiting your reply,

Yours very truly,

Vee Perlman (Miss)

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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CRIMINAL

September 24, 1954

Dear Sir:

Your editorial in the August, 1954 issue of MYSTIC Magazine contains some shocking and obviously false statements. You convey as though it were a truth that the character, objectives and methods of the USSR, etc. are the same as those of the democracies, meaning foremost in this case, since you deal with this country, the U. S. You state that the struggle is not between democracy and communism but two identical groups, in effect out for identical power.

While you claim, with your exceptional abilities, to be privy to truth which is withheld from the rest of us, if you know anything at all, you must know that the above constitutes as flagrant a falsehood as any which can be devised.

Doubtless you are acquainted with the Marx-Engels' Manifesto, and perhaps with the Theses and Statutes of International Congresses of the Communist International as far back as 1920. These outline in greatest detail the plot to take over physical, compulsive domination of the entire world, by any expediency available. Yet you pretend not to know that there is no democracy, whatever its shortcomings may be in comparison with its ideals and goals, which has any such aim. Nor is there any democracy actively engaged in ~~the~~ internal and external aggressions against all freedom and decency in human relations as are the so-called Communists.

It is unnecessary to go here into this great matter to any degree, because one, it is so conspicuous that far from there being any truth in equating democracy and so-called Communism, you know as well as everyone else that if you were living in any captive Communist country -- and they are all that -- you could not possibly be publishing MYSTIC. You not only would have no printing facilities such as presses and paper available to you for this putative personal choice, but if you tried anyhow, you would wind up in a slave labor camp, or merely be executed without any genuine trial, if at all.

Two, the reason for your evil propaganda is plain. You try to cover your purpose with the first part of the sentence, p. 79, "Naturally we Americans would like to see Communism banished forever from our daily fare," but you give yourself away with the remainder "because in its present state, it is a terror to us." This is the claim of many Reds and their friends, viz., that Communism is OK, only Stalin distorted it. But the fact is that the seeds of all the aggressions, brutalities including unheard-of-tortures, and the many errors in it its politico-economic system which practice has thoroughly disclosed are all either explicit or implicit in Marx-Engels themselves. The very expression, "dictatorship of the proletariat" is a typical semantic delusion with which to seduce and cheat people since the expression is without any validity whatsoever. A dictatorship is always absolute rule by a very few or one person at the top.

Characteristically with you people, you devote your editorial firstly to sympathy for the the poor, benighted American dubs who do not know what's what because they are fed solely propaganda and then, having greased this demoralizing slide, you club them with the most brzen misrepresentation, not to say treasonable -- to humanity, all good and the U. S. -- as the truth.

It is particularly base for you to seek to subvert people through their quest for truth concerning the eternal spiritual life. Again, if as you imply, you, unlike the becloued ignoramuses by whom you are surrounded here in the U. S., have any understanding of what you are saying, you must also know that Marx not only set

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out to destroy God and all religion, but, incidentally, the soul as well. (11 theses on Feuerbach). In an entirely material concept of mankind and life, whether you would be permitted its publication or not, there would just be no place for such a magazine as MYSTIC.

However, there is nothing mystic about what you are up to. It needs to be exposed.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Ray Palmer
Editor, MYSTIC MAGAZINE
Palmer Publications, Inc.,
806 Dempster Street
Evanston, Ill.

October 5, 1954

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EX-125

Miss Vee Perlman
131 East 34th Street
New York 16, New York

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Dear Miss Perlman:

Your letter of September 29, 1954, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In connection with the copy of the letter you enclosed, I would like to point out that it is not possible for me to advise you whether or not to send the letter in question to the editor of the magazine you mentioned. You may be sure that your communication will be made a matter of record in our files.

If you believe you have any additional information of interest to the FBI, please feel free to contact the representatives of our office located at 290 Broadway, New York 7, New York.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

BAUMGARDNER

- cc - New York, with a copy of the incoming and the enclosure. (62-11207)
- cc - Milwaukee, with a copy of the incoming and the enclosure. (94-290)

- Tolson
- Boardman
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Harbo
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Sizoo
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

NOTE: Raymond Palmer of Amherst, Wisconsin, is owner and editor of "Mystic Magazine." He was formerly treasurer of the Clarke Publishing Company of Evanston, Illinois, which publishes "Fate," "Other Worlds," "Venture Books," "Venture Press" and "Harland Wilson." Palmer still retains an interest in the Clarke Publishing Company. "Fate" magazine publishes unusual stories, including stories of psychic-phenomena and para-psychology. (100-400198-5) (See next page)
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Miss Vee Perlman

October 5, 1954

NOTE (con)

Vee Perlman is the sister of the former Solicitor General Phillip B. Perlman. She is the wife of Joseph Fulling Fishman of New York, New York, who is a writer. Fishman has corresponded with the Bureau on a number of occasions and has been furnished limited data with respect to Bureau policy and jurisdiction. According to information furnished by a reliable informant in 1938, Vee Perlman claimed that she and Fishman belonged to the Communist Party. The informant, however, was unable to verify this data. It is to be noted that in 1939 the Director commented with respect to Fishman's writing, "Watch this and see that he is never given access to our files or any information from the FBI."

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Date: [5/6/64]

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 Miss Gandy _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, [WFO (105-New)] (RUC)

RAY PALMER
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The Milwaukee Office is requested to identify
 PALMER and conduct investigation in accordance with Section
 105-K, Manual of Instructions.

The results of the investigation should be reported
 in LHM suitable for dissemination and the info received
 from [redacted] if used suitably protected. Copies to
 WFO for WF 100-18032 Sub N need not be submitted.

WFO indices negative re RAY PALMER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 6/5/64

FROM: SAC, Milwaukee (105-3179) (C)

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Re WFO airtel to Director 5/6/64 100-400198-7

Following investigation was conducted by SAS EDWIN N.
KEARNS and JOHN T. MC CARRIER.AT AMHERST, WIS.

On 5/13/64 VERNON MARTIN, Postmaster, Amherst PO (protect identity), who has provided reliable info in the past, advised that RAY PALMER, a deformed hunchbacked individual, is owner and operator of Palmer Publications Inc. at Amherst, which firm publishes approximately 5 magazines with nation-wide circulation, all being in the science fiction field. MARTIN said the two leading publications are entitled, "Space World" and "Flying Saucers."

MARTIN stated Palmer Publications Inc. is responsible for approximately two-thirds of the business done by the Amherst PO at the present time. According to MARTIN, there has been no disloyal or un-American sympathies or activities indicated on the part of PALMER or anyone associated with his firm.

On 6/1/64 RAY PALMER, owner and publisher of Palmer Publications Inc. advised his files reflect [redacted]

[redacted] as a former subscriber to the magazine "space world," one of the magazines published by his firm. He said this subscription had recently expired. He said the firm had recently solicited former subscribers in an effort to interest them in renewing their subscriptions, with this being done on a nation-wide basis.

PALMER stated [redacted] is not known to him personally, and he recalled no correspondence to or from this individual.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
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DATE 5/16/64 BY [redacted]

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To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Milwaukee (9-new) P

Subject: UNSUB; aka Larry Smith
RAY PALMER - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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DATE 5-16-80 *SKP*

Postmaster VERNON MARTIN Amhurst, Wisc., telephonically advised on 5/13/64, that patron RAY PALMER, Rte. 2, Amhurst, Wisc., dba Palmer Publications, Inc., received the following letter:

"I don't fool around with (obscene) like you. Get that (obscene) off the market or I will kill you deader a door nail. I want five hundred dollers by May 18, 1964. Mail to 1135 N. Noble to Larry Smith."

The above letter was unsigned and written on what appeared to be lined looseleaf notebook paper. The letter was sent in a business reply envelope of Space World--Palmer Publications, Inc., Amhurst, Wisconsin. This envelope was postmarked Chicago, Illinois, on 5/12/64 PM, and carried a return address on outside of envelope in the upper left-hand corner, Larry Smith, 1135 N. Noble, Chicago, Illinois, 60622. On lower left corner envelope there is the following handwritten notation:

"Use no hooks--beware of mouse"

In center of envelope in same handwriting appears notation:

"You stink."

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On reverse side of the envelope on the envelope flap is the hand-writing notation, which states:

"If anyone opens this letter is going to be shoot!!!!"

Along edges of flap are the following words:

"TON."

Victim upon interview stated that he had purchased Space World Magazine from Space Ways, Inc., of New York, New York, in June, 1963. As part of the purchase agreement, PALMER received 17,000 subscriptions. Included in the records was a box marked Expired Subscriptions and contained therein were numerous address stickers containing the names and addresses of previous subscribers. PALMER put out a June, 1964, issue of Space World and included a subscription renewal insert card which contained a business reply envelope similar to the one in which the above extortion letter was received. The stickers found in the above-described box were used to send out some of these magazines. PALMER has received some renewals and also some letters which indicate that the previous publishers did not handle their subscribers very well.

USA N. F. HEFFERNAN, Madison, Wisc., advised that he would consider prosecution of subject but desired that SMITH be fully identified and interviewed.

PALMER is described as a white, male, 52 years, 5', 110 lbs., light brown hair, balding, is hunched-back.

PALMER is identical with Milwaukee file 94-290, Chicago file 94-559, captioned "RAY PALMER, Palmer Publications, Inc., Research Matter." This indicated that PALMER Publications were formerly

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located at 806 Demster Street, Evanston, Ill., and one of the publications was entitled Mystic Magazines. PALMER is also identical with Milwaukee file 105-3179 captioned "RAY PALMER, IS-R." In connection with this matter, WFO advised by airtel to the Director dated 5/6/64 that a RAY PALMER, Route 2, Amhurst, Wisc.

investigation is continuing. ~~Q~~ This

LEADTHE CHICAGO DIVISION:At Chicago, Illinois:

1. Will locate and interview UNSUB, aka Larry Smith at 1135 N. Noble, Chicago, Ill., after conducting credit and criminal concerning this individual. Will interview him concerning the above-described letter which will be forwarded to Chicago upon receipt from Resident Agent covering Amhurst, Wisc.
2. Upon completion of interview of SMITH, will forward handwriting samples and extortion letter to FBI Laboratory for document examination.

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

Upon completion of interview and document examination, will present facts to USA Madison, Wisc.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 100-400198

FROM: SAC, [WFO (105-59097)] (RUC)

RAY PALMER

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ReMilet to Bureau, 6/5/64.

On 8/13/73, [] who has furnished reliable
information in the past, learned that captioned subject [][] At that time, Milwaukee
determined that subject was the owner and operator of Palmer
Publications, Inc., at Amherst, Wisconsin.

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2- Bureau

2- Milwaukee (105-3179) []

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In view of the above, WFO feels contact was a legitimate one dealing in magazines published by his firm. Therefore, WFO is not requesting any additional investigation by the Milwaukee Office other than a check by Milwaukee of their indices for any additional data. Q

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 9/4/73

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE [(105-3179)] (C)

SUBJECT: RAY PALMER

[IS - R] (C)

OO: MILWAUKEE

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As requested by WFO, Milwaukee limited this investigation to an indices search, which disclosed no additional pertinent information concerning subject. The current telephone listings for Amherst, Wisconsin, include Palmer Publications and RAY PALMER, both with the same number.

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